

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on April 17, 2009 at 12:15 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)  
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)  
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)  
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)  
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)  
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)  
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)  
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)  
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)  
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Bill Nooney (R), Rep. Llew Jones (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jon Moe, Legislative Branch  
Samuel Speerschneider, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 343, 4/15/2009

Executive Action: SB 343

00:00:03 Chairman Sesso

**HEARING ON SB 343**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:15 Rep. Janna Taylor, HD 11, opened the hearing on  
SB 343, Regulation of zebra mussel and other invasive  
species.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:25 Tom Ebzery, Avista Corporation  
00:04:35 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited  
00:05:15 Mr. Ebzery  
00:05:51 Mr. Aagenes

00:06:10 Chairman Sesso

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:43 Rep. Glaser  
00:06:54 Chairman Sesso  
00:07:15 Rep. Glaser  
00:07:56 Chairman Sesso

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:09:25 Rep. Taylor

**Discussion:**

00:10:42 Chairman Sesso  
  
00:11:14 Recess  
01:02:50 Reconvene

**Reopened the Hearing on SB 343**

**HEARING ON SB 343**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:04:08 Sen. Verdell Jackson (R), SD 5, opened the hearing on SB 343, Regulation of zebra mussel and other invasive species.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:05:11 Jon Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau  
01:05:22 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Users Association  
01:05:41 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts  
01:05:57 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon  
01:06:06 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Senior Water Rights Coalition  
01:06:23 Steve Hedstrom, President, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:06:58 Rep. Getz  
01:07:15 Sen. Jackson

**Closing by Sponsor:** None

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 343**

01:08:40 **Motion:** Rep. Glaser moved that **SB 343 DO PASS.**

01:10:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Discussion:**

01:11:27 Chairman Sesso  
01:11:32 Rep. Kasten  
01:13:53 Chairman Sesso  
01:17:19 Rep. Morgan  
01:17:24 Rep. Sesso  
01:20:23 Rep. Ankney

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:21:13 Adjournment: 1:45 P.M.

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Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([aph82aad.pdf](#))**